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TO AMEMBASSY RANGOON

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAGR, ETRD, BM

SUBJECT: GUB REQUEST FOR US RICE STATISTICS

1. BURMESE EMBASSY CHARGE U PE KYAING ASKED EA/TB THIS WEEK TO FURNISH DATA ON US RICE PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION AND EXPORTABLE SURPLUS SAYING INFORMATION IS "URGENTLY NEEDED BY MEIC." PE KYAING DECLINED TO SPECULATE ON REASONS FOR REQUEST ALTHOUGH ACKNOWLEDGED THAT COUNTRY IS EXPERIENCING RICE SHORTAGE.

2. USDA PROVIDED FOLLOWING DATA BASED ON PUBLICLY RELEASED FIGURES AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1973. INFORMATION IS KEYED TO QUESTIONS ASKED:

(A) RICE PRODUCTION ESTIMATE (73-74): 98.4 MILLION HUNDREDWEIGHT OF PADDY RICE;

(B) CROP DAMAGES, IF ANY: NOT AVAILABLE THOUGH RECENT HURRICANE REPORTEDLY HAS AFFECTED QUALITY AS OPPOSED TO QUANTITY OF RICE HARVESTED-

(C) TOTAL ANNUAL CONSUMPTION: 37.2 MILLION HUNDREDWEIGHT

(D) EXPORTABLE SURPLUS (73-74): 58.1 MILLION  
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HUNDREDWEIGHT;

(E) CURRENT RICE EXPORT POLICY: SELL AT MARKET  
PRICE TO ALL END-USERS.

3. FYI: UNDERSTAND THAT ROBERT BIEBER, USDA RICE  
SPECIALIST, WILL BE VISITING RANGOON SEPTEMBER 23-24.  
HE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. END FYI.  
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